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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL TO PRESIDENT  
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FOLLOWING IS MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL TO PRESI-  
DENT FORD, DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENT AT 1530 JULY 26.

BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,

I HAVE ALWAYS GREATLY APPRECIATED YOUR VERY VALUABLE  
EFFORTS, CONSCIOUS OF OUR MUTUAL INTEREST AND THAT OF THE  
WESTERN SECURITY, TO REPEAL THE EXISTING PROHIBITIONS IM-  
POSED BY THE CONGRESS ON TURKEY. I AM DEEPLY DISAPPOINTED  
THAT DESPITE THESE EFFORTS THE CONGRESS CHOSE TO INSIST ON  
ITS NEGATIVE ATTITUDE ON THE TOTAL ARMS EMBARGO. I AM  
CONFIDENT YOU WILL ADMIT THAT WE, ON OUR PART, HAVE SHOWN  
UTMOST RESTRAINT AND PATIENCE AND DID WHATEVER REQUIRED  
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FROM US SO THAT OUR MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL BILATERAL COMMON

DEFENCE RELATIONSHIP IS MAINTAINED. AND, THIS, AT THE COST OF DRAWING HEAVY CRITICISM FROM OUR PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH IS DEEPLY HURT AND DISAPPOINTED BY THE ATTITUDE OF THE CONGRESS. BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE CONGRESS CHOSE TO

MAINTAIN ITS WRONG AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM.

WE CONSIDER THE UNITED STATES' SUPPORT TO THE DEFENCE EFFORTS OF TURKEY AS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF OUR BILATERAL DEFENCE COOPERATION. THE NECESSARY BALANCE BETWEEN OUR MUTUAL OBLIGATIONS WHICH WAS ALREADY AFFECTED IN RECENT YEARS BY THE PROGRESSIVE REDUCTION IN GRANT MILITARY AID HAS BEEN COMPLETELY OBLITERATED SINCE FEBRUARY 5TH WITH THE EMBARGO DECISION. THE LAST NEGATIVE VOTE IN THE HOUSE HAS MADE THIS SITUATION MORE ENDURING.

I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANY GOVERNMENT TO EXPLAIN TO ITS PUBLIC OPINION THE VALIDITY OF AN ADVANCED COOPERATION WITH AND OF SPECIAL PRIVILEGE AND FACILITIES TO A COUNTRY WHOSE CONGRESS ADOPTS AN ATTITUDE WHICH CAN EASILY BE CONSIDERED AS DELIBERATELY HOSTILE BY ANY COUNTRY, LET ALONE AN ALLY.

THE DECISION TAKEN BY MY GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNICATED TO YOUR AMBASSADOR ON 25TH OF JULY HAS BEEN ADOPTED WITH GREAT RELUCTANCE. BUT THIS WAS THE ONLY ALTERNATIVE LEFT OPEN TO US BY THE NEGATIVE VOTE OF THE HOUSE. I CONSIDER THIS DEVELOPMENT AS MOST UNFORTUNATE BUT POLITICALLY AND LEGALLY UNAVOIDABLE AS A RESULT OF THE INSISTENCE OF THE CONGRESS ON ITS WRONG APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM.

I WISH AGAIN TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUABLE EFFORTS AND TO ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS TO LIMIT TO MINIMUM THE DAMAGES OF THE CONGRESS' ACTION ON OUR MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP.

I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE YOU IN HELSINKI.

CORDIALLY, SULEYMAN DEMIREL, PRIME MINISTER OF TURKEY.  
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